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DISPLAY INCAPABLE OF USER TERMINATION

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to a method and medium for inputting data, and more particularly, to a keyboard of constant size and shape present on the screen of a touch-screen style computer whenever user input may be desired. The keyboard display may be used by any number of computer software programs, including any known operating system in which a touch-sensitive computer display may be incorporated. Additionally, the present invention may be used in conjunction with any individual computer, network and/or Internet based system.

#### PROBLEMS IN THE ART

Computers with touch-screen displays, allowing a user to simply press on a desired location to obtain a desired input, have been around for some time. For example, a pen-based computer, such as the Fujitsu Model Point 1600, allows a user to press on the screen using the attached pen or other styli, and thereby provide user input. The use of such a pen-based computer allows a user to enter all necessary data without the need for an external keyboard, mouse or other input device. The use of an on-screen keyboard in such a computer allows a user to input data without the need for additional handwriting recognition software. Handwriting recognition software, while constantly improving, is often inaccurate and cumbersome. Further, such handwriting recognition software is often processor intensive.

Currently, on-screen keyboards allow a user to maximize, minimize, or simply remove the keyboard on the display. Further, the shape and size of the keyboard may be altered. Often, such alterations or terminations are accidental and returning a keyboard to a useable size and shape wastes valuable time. In a medical setting, for example, it is highly undesirable to have a care provider attempting to recover from an accidental keyboard alteration when the care provider should be attending to and recording information on patients. It is therefore desirable to provide an on-screen keyboard which is incapable of alteration or termination by a user.

More and more applications are being developed for penbased or touch-screen based computers. These applications will typically require a user to input data at a specific location on the screen. An on-screen keyboard may be necessary to provide the desired input. However, current onscreen keyboards may be moved by the user and therefore placed in undesirable locations which may block necessary text input fields or instructions. Further, current onscreen keyboard include a task bar having minimizing and maximizing buttons which allow a user to enlarge or reduce the window in which the keyboard appears. Often, such keyboards also include a close button which allows the user to terminate the keyboard. Upon pressing these buttons, many computer novices have difficulty launching another instance of the keyboard or recovering the keyboard to a usable state. It is therefore desirable to have an on-screen keyboard which is capable of permanent placement on a computer display.

Computer programs may require input only randomly. Many ask for user input and then present the results. As it would clearly hamper the presentation of results, data or other information to have an on-screen keyboard present at all times, it is desirable to provide an on-screen keyboard which

may be selectively called up as a subroutine or subprogram by a variety of programming.

There is therefore a need to have an on-screen keyboard which solves these and other problems in the art.

## FEATURES OF THE INVENTION

A general feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which overcomes the problems found in the prior art.

A further feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which may be used in conjunction with touch-sensitive displays.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which is immutable.

A further feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which may not be moved.

A still further feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which allows a user to input data without the need for handwriting recognition software.

An additional feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which may not be maximized.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which may not be minimized.

A still further feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which may not be removed by the user.

A further feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which contains a keyboard.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which may be selectively used by a computer program.

A still further feature of the present invention is the provision of an input area which provides an easy to use and reliable method of inputting information into a computer system regardless of the level of computer skill possessed by

These, as well as other features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following specification and claims.

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention generally comprises an immutable keyboard display. In a preferred embodiment, the present invention includes a software application that provides a keyboard display which may not be minimized, maximized, closed, or deleted. Further, the keyboard display allows a user to input information as desired via a touch-screen based or pen based computer.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a pictorial representation of a display of a pen-based computer incorporating the keyboard display of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a close-up view of the keyboard display of the present invention.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENT

The present invention will be described as it applies to its preferred embodiment. It is not intended that the present invention be limited to the described embodiment. It is intended that the invention cover all modifications and alternatives which may be included within the spirit and scope of the invention.

As shown in Figure 1, a pen-based computer 10, such as the Fujitsu Model Point 1600, includes a touch-sensitive display 12. On the display 12 is shown the user interface for a software application 14 which may be running from or accessed by the computer 10. It is to be understood that the computer 10 could be a stand-alone computer or a part of any

network or Internet based system. However, the computer 10 preferably provides a 32 bit environment. Computer 10 may access any type of software application through any number of known drives or via a network or web server. Once accessed, the user will see the application as it appears on the display 12 of the computer 10. The application may ask for user input at various locations through the use of text boxes 16 or other fields. The user may provide the desired input by holding the pen 18 or any other known input device which may include the user's finger, and pressing on the display 12 of the computer 10 so as to strike a desired key 22 of the keyboard 20.

The keyboard 20 is preferably an image map or active map incorporated at a set location on the display 12. The keyboard 20 may not be moved, maximized, or minimized. Therefore, the keyboard 20 provides the user with a constant input area to which the user may become accustomed and becomes an integral component.

The keyboard 20, as shown in Figure 2, contains a plurality of keys 22. The keys 22 may include all those currently found on any standard typewriter or computer keyboard, or may be application-specific. For instance, if the software in which user input is desired is primarily financial software, the keyboard 20 may include only numbers. Further, if the software requires the user to input names or words, the keyboard 20 may include one key 22 for every letter of the alphabet and any necessary punctuation or function keys. Further, the keys 22 may be programmed to represent any symbol or accentuated letter to allow the keyboard to be used in applications in which input may be required in various languages.

The keyboard 20 is preferably the result of a software application written in Visual Basic or C++, though various software programming languages may be used. The keyboard has all task bars removed and may not be minimized, maximized,

deleted, closed or resized and is therefore immutable. Preferably, the keyboard application is a subroutine or subprogram which is made available for use by external software applications. The keyboard application is preferably part of the operating system running on the computer 10. Incorporating the keyboard application into the computer 10 allows the keyboard application to be available to any external software application capable of running on the computer 10. The keyboard application may include a dynamic link library (dll) application. The dll application allows the external software to selectively use the keyboard and either have the keyboard in or out. This allows the software to use the entirety of the screen when necessary for displaying information or results.

An example of the keyboard application programming as it would appear in Visual Basic is:

# Option Explicit

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Public Sub Shift Down()
cmdLeftShift.Caption = "LowerCase"
cmdRightShift.Caption = "LowerCase"
cmdLeftShift.Tag = "OFF"
cmdRightShift.Tag = "OFF"
Caps OFF
Command1(26).Caption = "0"
Command1(27).Caption = "1"
Command1(28).Caption = "2"
Command1(29).Caption = "3"
Command1(30).Caption = "4"
Command1(31).Caption = "5"
Command1(32).Caption = "6"
Command1(33). Visible = False
Command1(44). Visible = True
Command1(34).Caption = "8"
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Command1(35).Caption = "9"
Command1(36).Caption = ","
Command1(37).Caption = "."
Command1(38).Caption = "/"
Command1(39).Caption = ";"
Command1 (40).Caption = "'"
Command1(41).Caption = "["
Command1(42).Caption = "]"
Command1(43).Caption = "\"
Command1(48).Caption = "F1"
Command1(49).Caption = "F2"
Command1(50).Caption = "F3"
Command1(51).Caption = "F4"
Command1(52).Caption = "F5"
Command1(53).Caption = "F6"
Command1(54).Caption = "F7"
Command1(55).Caption = "F8"
Command1(56).Caption = "F9"
Command1(57).Caption = "F10"
Command1(58).Caption = "F11"
Command1(59).Caption = "F12"
Command1(46).Caption = "-"
Command1(47).Caption = "="
Command1(45).Caption = "`"
Command1(0).Tag = "a"
Command1(1).Tag = "b"
Command1(2).Tag = "c"
Command1(3).Tag = "d"
Command1(4).Tag = "e"
Command1(5).Tag = "f"
Command1(6).Tag = "g"
Command1(7).Tag = "h"
Command1(8).Tag = "i"
Command1(9).Tag = "j"
Command1(10).Tag = "k"
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Command1(11).Tag = "1"
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Command1(21).Tag = "v"
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Command1(25).Tag = "z"
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Command1(36).Tag = ","
Command1(37).Tag = "."
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Command1 (47) . Tag = "="
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cmdTab.Caption = "Tab>"
End Sub
Public Sub Shift Up()
cmdLeftShift.Caption = "UpperCase"
cmdRightShift.Caption = "UpperCase"
cmdLeftShift.Tag = "ON"
cmdRightShift.Tag = "ON"
Caps On
Command1(26).Caption = ")"
Command1(27).Caption = "!"
Command1(28).Caption = "@"
Command1(29).Caption = "#"
Command1(30).Caption = "$"
Command1(31).Caption = "%"
Command1(32).Caption = "^"
Command1(33). Visible = True
Command1(44).Visible = False
Command1(34).Caption = "*"
Command1(35).Caption = "("
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Command1(39).Caption = ":"
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Command1(56).Tag = "{F21}"
Command1(57).Tag = "{F22}"
Command1 (58) . Tag = {F23}
Command1 (59) . Tag = "{F24}"
Command1 (46) . Tag = " "
Command1 (47) . Tag = ||\{+\}||
Command1 (45) . Tag = "{~}"
cmdTab.Caption = "Tab>"
End Sub
Public Sub Caps On()
Command1(0).Caption = "A"
Command1(1).Caption = "B"
Command1(2).Caption = "C"
Command1(3).Caption = "D"
Command1(4).Caption = "E"
Command1(5).Caption = "F"
Command1(6).Caption = "G"
Command1(7).Caption = "H"
Command1(8).Caption = "I"
Command1(9).Caption = "J"
Command1(10).Caption = "K"
Command1(11).Caption = "L"
Command1(12).Caption = "M"
Command1(13).Caption = "N"
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Command1 (14) .Caption = "O"

Command1 (15) .Caption = "P"

Command1 (16) .Caption = "Q"

Command1 (17) .Caption = "R"

Command1 (18) .Caption = "S"

Command1 (19) .Caption = "T"

Command1 (20) .Caption = "U"

Command1 (21) .Caption = "V"

Command1 (22) .Caption = "W"

Command1 (23) .Caption = "X"

Command1 (24) .Caption = "Y"

Command1 (24) .Caption = "Y"
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End Sub Public Sub Caps OFF() Command1(0).Caption = "a" Command1(1).Caption = "b" Command1(2).Caption = "c" Command1(3).Caption = "d" Command1(4).Caption = "e" Command1(5).Caption = "f" Command1(6).Caption = "g" Command1(7).Caption = "h" Command1(8).Caption = "i" Command1(9).Caption = "j" Command1(10).Caption = "k" Command1(11).Caption = "1" Command1(12).Caption = "m" Command1(13).Caption = "n" Command1(14).Caption = "o" Command1(15).Caption = "p" Command1(16).Caption = "q" Command1(17).Caption = "r"

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Command1(18).Caption = "s"
Command1(19).Caption = "t"
Command1(20).Caption = "u"
Command1(21).Caption = "v"
Command1(22).Caption = "w"
Command1(23).Caption = "x"
Command1(24).Caption = "y"
Command1(25).Caption = "z"
End Sub
Public Sub Set Caps Lock()
    If cmdCapsLock.Tag = "OFF" Then
        cmdCapsLock.Caption = "Caps On"
        cmdCapsLock.Tag = "ON"
        Caps_On
    Else
        cmdCapsLock.Caption = "Caps Off"
        cmdCapsLock.Tag = "OFF"
        Caps OFF
    End If
   strKeys = ""
   strKeys = strKeys & "{CAPSLOCK}"
   SendVKeys (strKeys)
End Sub
Public Sub Key Layout1()
    Dim intTemp, intRightBorder As Integer
    Dim lngPcnt As Double
    Dim dblFontSize As Double
    Dim lngFormWidth As Long
    Dim intRowlTop, intRow2Top, intRow3Top, intRow4Top,
intRow5Top, intRow6Top, intRow7Top As Integer
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Dim intFontSize, intHeight, intLetterWidth,
intFunctionWidth As Integer
      lngFormWidth = frmKeys.Width
      If frmKeys.BorderStyle > 0 Then
        lngPcnt = lngFormWidth / 7135
      Else
        lngPcnt = lngFormWidth / 6975
      End If
      'lngPcnt = lngFormWidth / 6975
      'pKB.Height = 2790 * lngPcnt
      'pKB.Height = (3390 * lngPcnt)
      intHeight = 330 * lngPcnt
      intLetterWidth = 350 * lngPcnt
      intFunctionWidth = 470 * lnqPcnt
      intTemp = intFunctionWidth / 24
      intFunctionWidth = (intTemp + 1) * 24
      intFontSize = 9 * lngPcnt
      dblFontSize = 8 * lngPcnt
      intRow1Top = 60 * lngPcnt
      intRow2Top = 540 * lnqPcnt
      intRow3Top = 960 * lngPcnt
      intRow4Top = 1380 * lngPcnt
      intRow5Top = 1860 * lngPcnt
      intRow6Top = 2340 * lngPcnt
      intRow7Top = 2820 * lngPcnt
      'Set the form height to porportion with form width
      If frmKeys.BorderStyle > 0 Then
        frmKeys.Height = intRow6Top + intHeight + 465
      Else
        frmKeys.Height = intRow6Top + intHeight + 60
      End If
      'Row 1
      'Escape Key
      cmdEscape.Font.Size = dblFontSize
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cmdEscape.Top = intRowlTop
     cmdEscape.Left = 60 * lngPcnt
     cmdEscape.Width = 670 * lngPcnt
     cmdEscape.Height = intHeight
      'F1 Kev
     Command1(48).Font.Size = intFontSize
     Command1(48).Top = intRowlTop
     Command1(48).Left = 805 * lngPcnt
     Command1(48).Width = intFunctionWidth
     Command1(48).Height = intHeight
      'F2 Key
     Command1 (49) . Font . Size = intFontSize
     Command1(49).Top = intRow1Top
     Command1(49).Left = Command1(48).Left +
Command1(48).Width '1285 * lngPcnt
     Command1(49).Width = intFunctionWidth
     Command1 (49) . Height = intHeight
      'F3 Key
     Command1(50).Font.Size = intFontSize
     Command1(50).Top = intRow1Top
     Command1(50).Left = Command1(49).Left +
Command1(49).Width '1765 * lngPcnt
      Command1(50).Width = intFunctionWidth
      Command1(50).Height = intHeight
      'F4 Key
      Command1 (51) . Font . Size = intFontSize
      Command1(51).Top = intRow1Top
      Command1(51).Left = Command1(50).Left +
Command1(50).Width '2245 * lngPcnt
      Command1(51).Width = intFunctionWidth
      Command1(51).Height = intHeight
      'F5 Kev
      Command1(52).Font.Size = intFontSize
      Command1(52).Top = intRow1Top
      Command1(52).Left = 2905 * lngPcnt
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Command1 (52) . Width = intFunctionWidth
     Command1(52). Height = intHeight
      'F6 Key
     Command1(53).Font.Size = intFontSize
     Command1(53).Top = intRow1Top
     Command1(53).Left = Command1(52).Left +
Command1(52).Width '3385 * lngPcnt
     Command1 (53) . Width = intFunctionWidth
     Command1 (53) . Height = intHeight
      'F7 Key
     Command1(54).Font.Size = intFontSize
     Command1(54).Top = intRow1Top
     Command1(54).Left = Command1(53).Left +
Command1 (53) . Width '3865 * IngPont
      Command1 (54) .Width = intFunctionWidth
      Command1(54).Height = intHeight
      'F8 Kev
      Command1(55).Font.Size = intFontSize
      Command1(55).Top = intRow1Top
      Command1(55).Left = Command1(54).Left +
Command1(54).Width '4345 * lngPcnt
      Command1(55).Width = intFunctionWidth
      Command1(55).Height = intHeight
      'F9 Kev
      Command1(56).Font.Size = intFontSize
      Command1(56).Top = intRow1Top
      Command1(56).Left = 5005 * lngPcnt
      Command1 (56) . Width = intFunctionWidth
      Command1 (56) . Height = intHeight
      'F10 Kev
      Command1(57).Font.Size = dblFontSize
      Command1(57).Top = intRow1Top
      Command1(57).Left = Command1(56).Left +
Command1(56).Width '5485 * lngPcnt
      Command1(57).Width = intFunctionWidth
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Command1(57).Height = intHeight
      'F11 Key
      Command1(58).Font.Size = dblFontSize
      Command1(58).Top = intRow1Top
      Command1(58).Left = Command1(57).Left +
Command1(57).Width '5965 * lngPcnt
      Command1 (58) . Width = intFunctionWidth
      Command1(58).Height = intHeight
      'F12 Key
      Command1(59).Font.Size = dblFontSize
      Command1(59).Top = intRow1Top
      Command1(59).Left = Command1(58).Left +
Command1(58).Width '6445 * lngPcnt
      Command1(59).Width = intFunctionWidth
      Command1(59).Height = intHeight
      intRightBorder = Command1(59).Left + Command1(59).Width
      'Row 2
      '' Kev
      Command1 (45) . Font. Size = intFontSize
      Command1(45).Top = intRow2Top
      Command1(45).Left = 60 * lngPcnt
      Command1 (45) . Width = intLetterWidth
      Command1 (45) . Height = intHeight
      '1 Key
      Command1(27).Font.Size = intFontSize
      Command1(27).Top = intRow2Top
      Command1(27).Left = 480 * lngPcnt
      Command1(27).Width = intLetterWidth
      Command1(27).Height = intHeight
      '2 Kev
      Command1(28).Font.Size = intFontSize
      Command1(28).Top = intRow2Top
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Command1(28).Left = 900 * lngPcnt
Command1(28).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(28).Height = intHeight
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### '3 Key

Command1(29).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(29).Top = intRow2Top
Command1(29).Left = 1320 \* lngPcnt
Command1(29).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(29).Height = intHeight

# '4 Key

Command1(30).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(30).Top = intRow2Top
Command1(30).Left = 1740 \* lngPcnt
Command1(30).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(30).Height = intHeight

#### '5 Key

Command1(31).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(31).Top = intRow2Top
Command1(31).Left = 2160 \* lngPont
Command1(31).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(31).Height = intHeight

#### '6 Kev

Command1(32).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(32).Top = intRow2Top
Command1(32).Left = 2580 \* lngPcnt
Command1(32).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(32).Height = intHeight

# '& Key

Command1(33).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(33).Top = intRow2Top

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Command1(33).Left = 3000 * lngPcnt
Command1(33).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(33).Height = intHeight
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#### '7 Key

Command1(44).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(44).Top = intRow2Top
Command1(44).Left = 3000 \* lngPcnt
Command1(44).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(44).Height = intHeight

#### '8 Key

Command1(34).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(34).Top = intRow2Top
Command1(34).Left = 3420 \* lngPcnt
Command1(34).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(34).Height = intHeight

#### 19 Key

Command1(35).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(35).Top = intRow2Top
Command1(35).Left = 3840 \* lngPont
Command1(35).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(35).Height = intHeight

#### '0 Kev

Command1 (26).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1 (26).Top = intRow2Top
Command1 (26).Left = 4260 \* lngPcnt
Command1 (26).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1 (26).Height = intHeight

# '- Key

Command1(46).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(46).Top = intRow2Top

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Command1(46).Left = 4680 * lngPcnt
Command1 (46) . Width = intLetterWidth
Command1 (46) . Height = intHeight
'= Key
Command1(47).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(47).Top = intRow2Top
Command1(47).Left = 5100 * lngPcnt
Command1(47).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(47).Height = intHeight
'Backspace Key
cmdBackspace.Font.Size = dblFontSize
cmdBackspace.Top = intRow2Top
cmdBackspace.Left = 5520 * lngPcnt
cmdBackspace.Width = intRightBorder - cmdBackspace.Left
cmdBackspace.Height = intHeight
'Row 3
'TAB Key
cmdTab.Font.Size = dblFontSize
cmdTab.Top = intRow3Top
cmdTab.Left = 60 * lngPcnt
cmdTab.Width = 650 * lngPcnt
cmdTab.Height = intHeight
'O Key
Command1(16).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(16).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(16).Left = 780 * lngPcnt
Command1(16).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(16).Height = intHeight
'W Key
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Command1(22).Font.Size = intFontSize

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Command1(22).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(22).Left = 1200 * lngPcnt
Command1(22).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(22).Height = intHeight
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# 'E Key

Command1(4).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(4).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(4).Left = 1620 \* lngPont
Command1(4).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(4).Height = intHeight

#### 'R Key

Command1(17).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(17).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(17).Left = 2040 \* lngPcnt
Command1(17).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(17).Height = intHeight

#### 'T Key

Command1(19).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(19).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(19).Left = 2460 \* lngPcnt
Command1(19).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(19).Height = intHeight

#### 'Y Kev

Command1 (24).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1 (24).Top = intRow3Top
Command1 (24).Left = 2880 \* lngPcnt
Command1 (24).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1 (24).Height = intHeight

# 'U Key

Command1(20).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(20).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(20).Left = 3300 \* lngPcnt
Command1(20).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(20).Height = intHeight

#### 'I Key

Command1(8).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(8).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(8).Left = 3720 \* lngPont
Command1(8).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(8).Height = intHeight

#### 'O Key

Command1(14).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(14).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(14).Left = 4140 \* lngPcnt
Command1(14).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(14).Height = intHeight

#### 'P Key

Command1 (15).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1 (15).Top = intRow3Top
Command1 (15).Left = 4560 \* lngPcnt
Command1 (15).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1 (15).Height = intHeight

#### ' [ Key

Command1(41).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(41).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(41).Left = 4980 \* lngPcnt
Command1(41).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(41).Height = intHeight

# '] Key

Command1(42).Font.Size = intFontSize

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Command1(42).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(42).Left = 5400 * lngPcnt
Command1(42).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(42).Height = intHeight
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## '\ Key

Command1(43).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(43).Top = intRow3Top
Command1(43).Left = 5820 \* lngPcnt
Command1(43).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(43).Height = intHeight

#### 'Delete

cmdDelete.Font.Size = dblFontSize
cmdDelete.Top = intRow3Top
cmdDelete.Left = 6240 \* lngPcnt
cmdDelete.Width = intRightBorder - cmdDelete.Left
cmdDelete.Height = intHeight

#### 'Row 4

'Caps Lock Key
cmdCapsLock.Font.Size = dblFontSize
cmdCapsLock.Top = intRow4Top
cmdCapsLock.Left = 60 \* lngPcnt
cmdCapsLock.Width = 1070 \* lngPcnt
cmdCapsLock.Height = intHeight

#### 'A Key

Command1(0).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(0).Top = intRow4Top
Command1(0).Left = 1200 \* lngPcnt
Command1(0).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(0).Height = intHeight

#### 'S Kev

Command1(18).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(18).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(18).Left = 1620 \* lngPcnt

Command1(18).Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(18).Height = intHeight

### 'D Key

Command1(3).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(3).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(3).Left = 2040 \* lngPcnt

Command1(3).Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(3).Height = intHeight

# 'F Key

Command1(5).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(5).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(5).Left = 2460 \* lngPcnt

Command1(5).Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(5).Height = intHeight

# 'G Key

Command1(6).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(6).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(6).Left = 2880 \* lngPcnt

Command1(6).Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(6).Height = intHeight

# 'H Key

Command1(7).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(7).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(7).Left = 3300 \* lngPcnt

Command1(7).Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(7).Height = intHeight

#### 'J Key

Command1(9).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(9).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(9).Left = 3720 \* lngPcnt

Command1(9).Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(9).Height = intHeight

# 'K Key

Command1(10).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(10).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(10).Left = 4140 \* lnqPcnt

Command1(10).Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(10).Height = intHeight

# 'L Key

Command1(11).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(11).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(11).Left = 4560 \* lngPcnt

Command1(11).Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(11).Height = intHeight

### '; Kev

Command1(39).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(39).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(39).Left = 4980 \* lngPcnt

Command1(39).Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(39).Height = intHeight

# '" Kev

Command1(40).Font.Size = intFontSize

Command1(40).Top = intRow4Top

Command1(40).Left = 5400 \* lngPcnt

Command1 (40) . Width = intLetterWidth

Command1(40).Height = intHeight

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'Enter
cmdEnter.Font.Size = dblFontSize
cmdEnter.Top = intRow4Top
cmdEnter.Left = 5820 * lngPcnt
cmdEnter.Width = intRightBorder - cmdEnter.Left
cmdEnter.Height = intHeight
'Row 5
'Left Shift Key
cmdLeftShift.Font.Size = dblFontSize
cmdLeftShift.Top = intRow5Top
cmdLeftShift.Left = 60 * lngPcnt
cmdLeftShift.Width = 1293 * lngPcnt
cmdLeftShift.Height = intHeight
'Z Kev
Command1(25).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(25).Top = intRow5Top
Command1(25).Left = 1423 * lngPcnt
Command1(25).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(25).Height = intHeight
'X Kev
Command1(23).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(23).Top = intRow5Top
Command1(23).Left = 1843 * lngPcnt
Command1(23).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(23).Height = intHeight
'C Key
Command1(2).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(2).Top = intRow5Top
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Command1(2).Left = 2263 \* lngPcnt

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Command1(2).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(2).Height = intHeight
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#### 'V Key

Command1(21).Font.Size = intFontSize Command1(21).Top = intRow5Top Command1(21).Left = 2683 \* lngPcnt Command1(21).Width = intLetterWidth Command1(21).Height = intHeight

#### 'B Key

Command1(1).Font.Size = intFontSize Command1(1).Top = intRow5Top Command1(1).Left = 3103 \* lngPcnt Command1(1).Width = intLetterWidth Command1(1).Height = intHeight

## 'N Key

Command1(13).Font.Size = intFontSize Command1(13).Top = intRow5Top Command1(13).Left = 3523 \* lnqPcnt Command1(13).Width = intLetterWidth Command1(13).Height = intHeight

### 'M Kev

Command1(12).Font.Size = intFontSize Command1(12).Top = intRow5Top Command1(12).Left = 3943 \* lngPcnt Command1(12).Width = intLetterWidth Command1(12).Height = intHeight

# ', Key

Command1(36).Font.Size = intFontSize Command1(36).Top = intRow5Top Command1(36).Left = 4363 \* lngPcnt 28

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Command1(36).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(36).Height = intHeight
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#### '. Key

Command1(37).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1(37).Top = intRow5Top
Command1(37).Left = 4783 \* lngPcnt
Command1(37).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1(37).Height = intHeight

# '/ Key

Command1 (38).Font.Size = intFontSize
Command1 (38).Top = intRow5Top
Command1 (38).Left = 5203 \* lngPcnt
Command1 (38).Width = intLetterWidth
Command1 (38).Height = intHeight

'Right Shift Key
cmdRightShift.Font.Size = dblFontSize
cmdRightShift.Top = intRow5Top
cmdRightShift.Left = 5623 \* lngPcnt
cmdRightShift.Width = intRightBorder cmdRightShift.Left

cmdRightShift.Height = intHeight

'Row 6

'Left Ctrl Key
cmdCntrl.Font.Size = dblFontSize
cmdCntrl.Top = intRow6Top
cmdCntrl.Left = 60 \* lngPcnt
cmdCntrl.Width = 795 \* lngPcnt
cmdCntrl.Height = intHeight

'Left Alt Key cmdAlt.Font.Size = dblFontSize cmdAlt.Top = intRow6Top
cmdAlt.Left = 925 \* lngPcnt
cmdAlt.Width = 735 \* lngPcnt
cmdAlt.Height = intHeight

'Move Left Key
cmdMoveLeft.Font.Size = intFontSize
cmdMoveLeft.Top = intRow6Top
cmdMoveLeft.Left = 1730 \* lngPcnt
cmdMoveLeft.Width = 465 \* lngPcnt
cmdMoveLeft.Height = intHeight

'Space Bar Key
cmdSpaceBar.Font.Size = intFontSize
cmdSpaceBar.Top = intRow6Top
cmdSpaceBar.Left = 2265 \* lngPcnt
cmdSpaceBar.Width = 2445 \* lngPcnt
cmdSpaceBar.Height = intHeight

'Move Right Key
cmdMoveRight.Font.Size = intFontSize
cmdMoveRight.Top = intRow6Top
cmdMoveRight.Left = 4780 \* lngPcnt
cmdMoveRight.Width = 465 \* lngPcnt
cmdMoveRight.Height = intHeight

'Right Alt Key
cmdAlt2.Font.Size = dblFontSize
cmdAlt2.Top = intRow6Top
cmdAlt2.Left = 5315 \* lngPcnt
cmdAlt2.Width = 735 \* lngPcnt
cmdAlt2.Height = intHeight

'Right Ctrl Key cmdCntrl2.Font.Size = dblFontSize

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cmdCntrl2.Top = intRow6Top
     cmdCntrl2.Left = 6120 * lngPcnt
     cmdCntrl2.Width = intRightBorder - cmdCntrl2.Left
     cmdCntrl2.Height = intHeight
      'Exit Keyboard
     cmdExitKeyboard.Font.Size = dblFontSize
     cmdExitKeyboard.Top = intRow7Top
      cmdExitKeyboard.Left = 60 * lngPcnt
      cmdExitKeyboard.Width = 6915 * lngPcnt
      cmdExitKeyboard.Height = intHeight
End Sub
Private Sub cmdAlt Click()
    If cmdAlt.Tag = "OFF" Then
       cmdAlt.Tag = "ON"
       cmdAlt.Caption = "Alt On"
       cmdAlt2.Tag = "ON"
       cmdAlt2.Caption = "Alt On"
    Else
       cmdAlt.Tag = "OFF"
       cmdAlt.Caption = "Alt Off"
       cmdAlt2.Tag = "OFF"
       cmdAlt2.Caption = "Alt Off"
    End If
End Sub
Private Sub cmdAlt2 Click()
    cmdAlt Click
End Sub
Private Sub cmdBackspace Click()
   strKeys = "{BKSP}"
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End Sub

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SendVKeys (strKeys)
End Sub
Private Sub cmdCntrl Click()
    If cmdCntrl.Tag = "OFF" Then
       cmdCntrl.Tag = "ON"
       cmdCntrl.Caption = "Ctrl On"
       cmdCntrl2.Tag = "ON"
       cmdCntrl2.Caption = "Ctrl On"
    Else
       cmdCntrl.Tag = "OFF"
       cmdCntrl.Caption = "Ctrl Off"
       cmdCntrl2.Tag = "OFF"
       cmdCntrl2.Caption = "Ctrl Off"
    End If
End Sub
Private Sub cmdCntrl2 Click()
    cmdCntrl Click
End Sub
Private Sub cmdDelete Click()
   strKeys = ""
   strKeys = strKeys & "{DEL}"
   SendVKeys (strKeys)
End Sub
Private Sub cmdEnter Click()
   strKeys = ""
   strKeys = strKeys & "{ENTER}"
   SendVKeys (strKeys)
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Private Sub cmdEscape Click()
   strKeys = "{ESC}"
   SendVKeys (strKeys)
End Sub
Private Sub cmdExitKeyboard_Click()
End
End Sub
Private Sub cmdLeftShift Click()
    If cmdLeftShift.Tag = "OFF" Then
        If cmdCapsLock.Tag = "OFF" Then
           Shift_Up
        Else
           Set_Caps_Lock
           Shift Up
        End If
    Else
       Shift Down
    End If
End Sub
Private Sub cmdMoveLeft_Click()
   strKeys = ""
   strKeys = strKeys & "{LEFT}"
   SendVKeys (strKeys)
End Sub
Private Sub cmdMoveRight Click()
   strKeys = ""
   strKeys = strKeys & "{RIGHT}"
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SendVKeys (strKeys)
End Sub
Private Sub cmdRightShift Click()
    cmdLeftShift Click
End Sub
Private Sub cmdSpaceBar_Click()
   strKeys = ""
   strKeys = strKeys & " "
   SendVKeys (strKeys)
End Sub
Private Sub cmdTab Click()
   strKeys = ""
   If cmdLeftShift.Tag = "ON" Then
      strKeys = strKeys & "+"
   End If
   strKeys = strKeys & "{TAB}"
   SendVKeys (strKeys)
End Sub
Private Sub Form Activate()
    Dim dl&
    ' KeyboardWindow = GetForegroundWindow
    dl& = SetWindowPos(hwnd, -1, 4905, 7965, 6975, 2475, &H1
Or &H2)
End Sub
Private Sub Form GotFocus()
If Me.WindowState <> 0 Then
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Me.WindowState = 0
    'Me.Width = 7000
End If
End Sub
Private Sub Form_Resize()
If Me.WindowState <> 0 Then
    Me.WindowState = 0
    Me.Width = 7000
End If
Key Layout1
End Sub
Private Sub cmdCapsLock_Click()
  'Caps Lock Key
    If cmdCapsLock.Tag = "OFF" Then
        cmdCapsLock.Caption = "Caps On"
        cmdCapsLock.Tag = "ON"
        Caps On
    Else
        cmdCapsLock.Caption = "Caps Off"
        cmdCapsLock.Tag = "OFF"
        Caps OFF
    End If
   strKeys = ""
   strKeys = strKeys & "{CAPSLOCK}"
   SendVKeys (strKeys)
```

## End Sub

```
Private Sub Command1 Click(Index As Integer)
   strKeys = ""
   If cmdCapsLock.Tag = "ON" Then
      strKeys = strKeys & "{CAPSLOCK}"
   End If
   If cmdLeftShift.Tag = "ON" Then
      strKeys = strKeys & "+"
   End If
   If cmdAlt.Tag = "ON" Then
      strKeys = strKeys & "%"
   End If
   If cmdCntrl.Tag = "ON" Then
      strKeys = strKeys & "^"
   End If
   strKeys = strKeys & Command1 (Index) . Tag
   SendVKevs (strKevs)
End Sub
Private Sub Form Load()
Dim hSysMenu As Long
Dim nCnt As Long
'First, show the form
Me.Show
'Get handle to our form's system menu
'(Restore, Maximize, Move, close etc.)
hSysMenu = GetSystemMenu(Me.hwnd, False)
If hSysMenu Then
'Get System menu's menu count
```

```
nCnt = GetMenuItemCount(hSysMenu)
If nCnt Then
'Menu count is based on 0 (0, 1, 2, 3...)
RemoveMenu hSysMenu, nCnt - 1, _
MF BYPOSITION Or MF REMOVE
RemoveMenu hSysMenu, nCnt - 2, _
MF BYPOSITION Or MF REMOVE 'Remove the seperator
DrawMenuBar Me.hwnd
'Force caption bar's refresh. Disabling X button
Me.Caption = "GeniSus Keyboard"
End If
End If
   Shift Down
   Hook
#If CurrentProcOnly = 1 Then
   Form1.Show
#End If
DeactivateClose
End Sub
Private Sub Form Unload (Cancel As Integer)
   UnHook
End Sub
Public Sub DeactivateClose()
      End Sub
```

An example of an accompanying dynamic link library, .dll application, through which external applications may access the keyboard application is:

```
// vKeyHook.cpp : Defines the entry point for the DLL
application.
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#include <windows.h>
#include <winuser.h>
#pragma data seg(".SHARDATA")
     static int hWndActive = 0;
     static int hWndSelf = 0;
     static HHOOK hHook = 0;
#pragma data seg()
BOOL APIENTRY DllMain ( HANDLE hModule,
                       DWORD ul reason for call,
                       LPVOID lpReserved
                           )
    switch (ul reason for call)
     {
          case DLL PROCESS_ATTACH:
          case DLL THREAD ATTACH:
          case DLL THREAD DETACH:
          case DLL PROCESS DETACH:
               break;
    return TRUE:
```

```
long CALLBACK CBTProc(
 int nCode,
               // hook code
 WPARAM wParam, // current-process flag
 LPARAM 1Param // message data
  if (nCode == HCBT_ACTIVATE &&
            (int)wParam != hWndSelf) {
    hWndActive = (int)wParam;
  return CallNextHookEx(hHook, nCode, wParam, 1Param);
}
void stdcall HookMsg(int hWnd)
    HINSTANCE hModule;
    hModule = GetModuleHandle("vKeyHook.dll");
     hHook = SetWindowsHookEx(WH CBT, CBTProc, hModule, 0);
     hWndSelf = hWnd;
void stdcall UnHookMsg()
     UnhookWindowsHookEx(hHook);
int __stdcall GetActiveWnd()
     return hWndActive;
```

These codes are preferably executed in conjunction with a Windows  $98^{\circ}$  operating system. These codes may be executed in any type of system, including, but not limited to, a web

based system, a computer network, or any personal computer, personal digital assistant or other device.

As can clearly be seen in Figures 1 and 2, there are no minimizing, maximizing, or close options available for the user. Therefore, a user can input data by selecting keys 22 on the keyboard 20 as necessary.

A general description of the present invention as well as a preferred embodiment of the present invention has been set forth above. Those skilled in the art to which the present invention pertains will recognize and be able to practice additional variations in the methods and systems described which fall within the teachings of this invention. Accordingly, all such modifications and additions are deemed to be within the scope of the invention which is to be limited only by the claims appended hereto.

What is claimed is:

1.

A method of entering data on a touch screen display, the method comprising:

invoking a computer program in which user input is sought; invoking an input area, including a keyboard incapable of

user termination and having a plurality of keys on the display; and

selecting keys on the keyboard to provide the desired input.

2.

The method of entering data on a touch screen display of claim 1 wherein the input area is created by an executable code.

3.

The method of entering data on a touch screen display of claim 2 wherein the executable code is compiled visual basic code.

4.

The method of entering data on a touch screen display of claim 1 wherein the computer program invokes the input area.

5.

The method of entering data on a touch screen display of claim 4 wherein the computer program accesses a dynamic link library file in order to invoke the input area.

5.

The method of entering data on a touch screen display of claim 5 wherein the dynamic link library file is a C++ program.

7.

The method of entering data on a touch screen display of claim 1 wherein the computer program is executing on a personal computer.

The method of entering data on a touch screen display of claim 1 wherein the computer program is executing on a penbased computer.

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The method of entering data on a touch screen display of claim 1 wherein the computer program is executing on a computer with a touch-screen display.

10.

A computer readable medium containing executable instructions, which when executed in a processing system causes the system to perform the steps for creating an onscreen keyboard, the keyboard comprising: an input area on a display incapable of user termination, the

input area being on a display of receiving touch-screen input, said input area including a pictorial representation of a keyboard.

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The computer readable medium of claim 10 wherein the pictorial representation is an image map.

12.

The computer readable medium of claim 10 wherein the input area has no task bar.

13.

The computer readable medium of claim 10 wherein the input area has no minimize button.

14.

The computer readable medium of claim 10 wherein the input area has no maximize button.

15.

A medium through which user input may be obtained, the medium comprising:

executable instructions, which when executed in a processing system causes the system to perform the steps creating an input area incapable of user termination, the input area being on a display capable of receiving touchscreen input, the immutable input area containing a plurality of keys; and

a dynamic link library through which external programming may selectively access the executable instructions and thereby create the immutable input area.

16.

The computer medium of claim 15 wherein the input area contains a keyboard.

17.

The computer medium of claim 15 wherein the processing system is a 32 bit processing system.

18.

A computer system including a display capable of accepting touch-screen input comprising: a processing system;

- executable instructions which when executed in the processing system cause the processing system to generate an input area on the display, the input area being incapable of user termination:
- a dynamic link library which links a computer program to the executable instructions for use on the processing system.

19.

The computer system of claim 18 wherein the input area contains a keyboard.

20.

The computer system of claim 18 wherein the processing system is a 32-bit processing system.

21.

A method of ensuring a reliable computer input area is accessible to a user, the method comprising: accessing a computer including a touch-screen display; executing a computer program in which user input is sought;

invoking a computer-generated input area of unalterable size
 and shape on the display; and

accepting input from a user based on the position selected by the user in the input area on the display.

22.

The method of claim 21 wherein the computer is a penbased computer.

23.

The method of claim 21 wherein the input area includes a keyboard.

24.

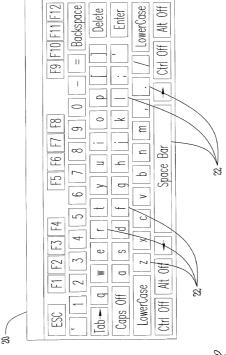
The method of claim 21 wherein invoking of the input area is performed through a dynamic link library.

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and medium for a computer readable input area. The input area is created by a computer program on a display capable of receiving touch-screen input. The computer on which the input area in used is at least a 32-bit system. The input area may contain a keyboard which is an image map. External programming may selectively access the input area through a dynamic link library. The input area has no task bar and may not be minimized, maximized, or deleted. Therefore, the input area becomes an integral component and provides the user with a constant and reliable method of inputting information into the computer program.

10 18	
Account Number:  Appointment Time: Patient Last Name: Patient Frist Name: Patient Middle Name: Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YY) Provider Numder:	16
QK Cancel	20- Help
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Fig. 1



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